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■ WAINFLEET ELECTION

The big question

DAVE JOHNSON
InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET — The township's water-sewer issue, or the Big Pipe as it's known, was the first question thrown at mayoral and aldermanic candidates at last Wednesday's all-candidates debate in Wainfleet.

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■ AMBASSADOR: Margaret Huber is a former Port High student



Road scholar

MARYANNE FIRTH
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Margaret Huber received a warm welcome home.

The former Canadian ambassador to Jordan and Iraq, traveling the world, but loves returning to her hometown of Port Colborne.

An alumnus of Port Colborne High School, Huber was back in the lakeside city last week to address a room full of wide-eyed youth with bright futures.

She was asked to be the keynote speaker at the school's annual honour roll banquet, which took place Oct. 7 at the Italian Canadian Hall.

Huber has obtained a long and impressive resume since joining the Canadian Foreign Service in 1973.

She has served abroad in Washington, New York,

Manila and Brussels, and has served as the consul general in Osaka and Milan.

Huber has acted as ambassador to the Czech Republic and Slovakia, and as high commissioner to Pakistan.

She credited her success to two key factors — her support network of family and friends, and education.

With the hall packed with students and their families, Huber said she was "delighted to see the degree of support" toward education and education the high school and community was offering up.

It's been "an honour and a privilege" to represent Port Colborne and Canada around the world throughout her career, she said.

Throughout her travels, Huber said she's come to the conclusion that "we live in the best country in the world."

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Port Colborne High School alumnus Margaret Huber, former Canadian ambassador to Jordan and Iraq, shared stories of her career plus advice for success with students at Port High's annual honour roll banquet Oct. 7 night at the Italian Canadian Hall.

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Leading a team that brought a Family Medicine Clinic to the Hospital.

Niagara, Ontario's Regional Councillors Urge To 'Stand Shoulder To Shoulder' In Fight for Better Hospital Services

"Port Colborne Mayor Vance Badaway urged regional councillors across the region to "stand shoulder to shoulder and speak as one voice" in pressing for proper hospital care services in Niagara."

Doug Draper, Niagara At Large

DEBATE

The Big Pipe dominated meeting of Wainfleet candidates

FROM PAGE A1

The 10 hopefuls — two for mayor, eight for alderman — had just 10 minutes to answer that and five other questions put toward them during the debate presented by Port Colborne-Wainfleet Chamber of Commerce and hosted at Winger Church of Christ Disciples.

Aldeanville candidate Richard Dykstra said water and sewer issues are dividing the community.

"This truly saddens me and there needs to be an agreeable solution that is good for all of Wainfleet. While it directly affects me, overall it affects every taxpayer residence in Wainfleet."

Dykstra said all options need to be explored concerning sewer and water. He would like to see a cost-effective solution within four years.

Al Gafford said the issue has been an ongoing saga in the township for a number of years.

"I still personally think, and I did four years ago, the Big Pipe is not the solution for Wainfleet. I think there is other more current ways of dealing with water and sewer. But first one is, let's what we've got first

if we can."

Grauer, Wainfleet's former clerk, said if the problems can't be fixed, such things as lagoon systems should be considered for the lakeshore area of the township. He said small solutions and looking at the areas around the Big Pipe is a way to start dealing with the issue.

B a r h Henderson, seeking a second term as a mayor, said in 2007 decided to go ahead with additional studies to determine what a pipeline solution would look like.

"I have been held pro-pipe, when in fact I am pro-practical, what we need is a practical, workable solution that meets the need of Wainfleet residents."

She said the solution must satisfy health and safety needs that currently exist.

"We need to address them in a financially responsible manner that meets Wainfleet's needs," said Henderson, who

released a five-point action plan on the issue on Tuesday.

Ted Hesselius, an incumbent alderman, said having dealt with the matter the past four years he thinks the region and its council have already approved a solution.

"I have seen the only one option to any over-sized lot coverage out there."

He said the region and its council recently allowed someone to build on an undersized lot and because the lot wasn't big enough for a septic system, the person had to build a holding tank instead.

"So the way I see it, they have already provided me a solution and I don't think we should be spending more money and time on this because the way I see it, they have already given us a solution."

Mayoral candidate April Jeffs said being under a hold water advisory for the past four years along the lakeshore is unacceptable.

"The cost of the pipe is too high and you can't expect residents to pay for it. Alternative solutions should have been researched more carefully."

The majority of residents have expressed all along they can't afford the proposed project."

Jeffs said the next elected council needs to move quickly to direct staff to research alternative methods such as ones implemented in Muskoka and places in the United States.

Betty Konc, seeking a council seat, has been fighting the Big Pipe for the past six years.

"This project is simply wrong. It was wrong from its inception and it's wrong at the cost end of the project. It's a made-in-Wainfleet solution we need."

Konc said the 125 or so residents packed into the church hall she's presented a solution to regional and municipal council on more than one occasion.

"We don't need to reinvent the wheel. There are solutions being used and every time I speak about it, it's 'I've just been ignored.'

She said a solution from the region doesn't need to be foisted on Wainfleet residents and solutions need to be affordable and comfortable for residents.

Ald. Ron Kramer, who is seeking re-election, said the Big Pipe is a big topic, also saying groundwater contamination needs a local solution.

"I can't see us spending millions and millions (of dollars) on a Big Pipe myself. I think we could on all these consultants to look at every piece of property, survey

every piece of property to find out what party was not up to standard and have that person bring their properties up to standard."

He said some properties could be using composting toilets to alleviate some of the septic system concerns.

Andrew Watts said on-site water-sewer issue do exist.

"The Big Pipe problem was brought about by regional bad science and bad planning. It should have never come this far. We can't afford this type of mistake."

Watts, who is also seeking one of four aldermanic seats, said there are on-site solution to the water-sewer issue and

there are more and more of them.

"They are good and they will solve all the problems we have in Wainfleet. We don't need water-sewer Big Pipe."

David Wyatt said the township needs to find out which homes, cottages and units have failed septic tanks or systems not up to grade.

"They need to be identified

and brought up to standard as soon as possible," the aldermanic candidate said.

"In reality, sometimes there may be a Big Pipe down there, but I don't know if it's in our lifetime," Wyatt said. "The solutions right now have to deal with health problems. There are solutions available, some have already been mentioned — holding tanks, horizontal tanks, there are a lot of options for people."

Frank De Ruyte said he has more questions than answers on the issue.

"But I'll give you some figures. The task is this is around \$100 million. We've got, for sake of argument, around 7,000 people in the township, that is \$14,000 for every woman, man and child," the council candidate said.

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HUBER

'Leave things a little better than you found them': Ambassador

FROM PAGE A1

"Our education opportunities are better than anywhere else. This is why people flock to Canada!"

As honour roll students, those in attendance are

"already succeeding," she said, "but there is always room for improvement."

She said students need to maintain those high standards, and always demand the best of themselves so they continue to grow.

She advised students to gravitate toward their interest when seeking out a career, adding they shouldn't worry if they don't know right away which path they wish to take.

Huber herself didn't decide on an international

university until halfway through university.

"Be a long-distance runner," Huber said, encouraging students to "pace yourself for long-term achievement" in education and life.

Youth should strive on a

daily basis to "leave things a little better than you found them," and to get involved with philanthropic acts that can assist the community, she said.

Huber was presented with a Gift of Health from the school that was made in her name to

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■ PORT COLBORNE IN PICTURES

A day at the farmer's market



Above left, Gloria Metter from Hollow Maple Farms helps customers Jim Douglas and his granddaughter Lyric Douglas at the Port Colborne market last week. Above right, four-year-old Drayden Donohue takes a big bite of an apple while visiting the market. Below left, Sandy Little looks at pies at Blueberry Knoll Berry Farm's stand. Below right, fresh fruit and apple cider such as the items being sold by Hielke Janssens from DeVries Fruit Farm were popular items at the Port Colborne market on the Friday before the Thanksgiving weekend.



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COLUMN

I've been thinking about J.K. Rowling

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The 42-year-old author of the Harry Potter series was invited to speak to the Harvard graduating class in June of this year. A friend told me about her speech. I read it and thought that there were some connections with my Christian faith.

J.K. Rowling talked about two things, the benefits of failure and the crucial importance of imagination. She said that only failure after great preparation she had failed on a epic scale.

Her marriage failed, she was a single mother, jobless and very poor. But her failure stripped away the non-essential. She stopped pretending she was something other than what she was and the power of her imagination. Had she succeeded at anything else, she said, she might never have found the determination to succeed in her writing.

Rock bottom became the solid foundation on which she rebuilt her life. She told the graduates, "The knowledge that you have survived and survived through such setbacks means that you are, ever after, secure in your ability to survive... Personal happiness lies in knowing that life is not a check-list of acquisition or achievement."

Christ said, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things

he possesses" (Luke 12:15).

From the viewpoint of Pontius Pilate and the Jerusalem elite, Christ's life was a total failure, for he ended up crucified as a criminal and a curse. But what stood him apart from them and others was in truth a lifelong submission to the will of God, such that Christ's obedience even to death on a cross constituted the perfect sacrifice for the sins of the world.

J.K. Rowling's experience working for the African Research department at Amnesty International gives her no evidence about the evils that humans will inflict on their fellow humans, to gain or maintain power, than she could handle. She began to have nightmares.

She could never forget a scream of pain and horror as she never heard since being behind a closed door at work.

The editor of the newspaper and a researcher poked her head and told Rowling to run and make a hot drink for the young man sitting with her.

She had just had to give him the news that in retaliation for his own outspokenness against his country's regime, his mother had been seized and executed.

At this point Rowling turned to the importance of imagination, and she really meant human empathy. She said, "Unlike any other creature on this planet, humans can learn and understand... They can think themselves into other people's places."

Apathy on the other hand leads to

collusion with evil.

Christ would agree, as his parable of the Good Samaritan clearly showed. A traveler was mugged and left half-dead. Church leaders passed by on the other side. The Good Samaritan took care of the victim, thereby becoming the poster example of a person who loved his neighbor. Christ told his questioner and he is telling us to do likewise.

Rowling quoted a simple maxim of the essayist Plutarch (A.D. 46-119):

"What is active inwardly will change outer reality."

Christ is the ultimate example of just that. He achieved lifelong obedience to God and his sacrifice not only changed the world but made peace with God available for all.

Inwardly obedient and obedient, faith from the bottom of the heart, hope in the risen Jesus Christ and love of God and neighbor will indeed change outer reality, as has already happened over two thousand years again and again in the lives of the faithful.

This is why the Golden Rule of doing to others what we would have done to us can be a hinge point. We need to grow up into the maturity that imitates God in his mercy and his caring for others (Luke 6:35-36).

I don't know if J.K. Rowling is a Christian, but she is clearly conscious of the struggle in life between good and evil and of the need for empathy and mercy in the human heart.

readers' views

Savings available for Port Wellness centre project

On hand, here we go again.

Port Colborne Mayor Vance Badaway is indulging in voodoo economics.

On one hand he says the health and wellness centre will not increase taxes

and yet page 121 of the city's report No. 2010-2 shows the annual increase in revenue for an average home by taking out a debt service to home is silly thing.

Whether that actually takes place or not is beside the point; the very fact the city published the information shows the unhealthy thinking that takes place in these council chambers.

Now take a close look at the numbers on page 121 of that report shows dropping into the hydro funds to the tune of \$12 million (Port Colborne taxpayers' money) which darn near matches

the federal Building Canada contribution of \$13,733,334. Why the convoluted splitting of hydro funds?

Then there is the estimated fundraising of \$3 million which has not happened because many citizens do not feel compelled to contribute to so they politely decline.

For the moment the benefit of the doubt regarding the Federal Tax Gas Funds will be given to the city.

So now what is available for the centre is \$18 million and change.

Mayor Badaway is on record as saying he will not add to the city's water in the bank (presumably the hydro funds) which, according to the newspaper report quoting the mayor, would be plowed into the centre in its totality.

In other words the city signals to the retying process that \$30 million would be looked upon kindly by the city.

That is not good enough.

A full build utilizing monolithic

dome technology will come in around \$27 million, and if the city left the greenhouse out of the equation the cost would be \$24 million to \$25 million which is much closer to what the city can afford without fleecing the taxpayers.

The city also says it would cost \$14 million to rejuvenate the existing facilities to only get another few years out of use them.

I personally would like to see the cost breakdown for this. The mayor also says a new centre would last 50 years. That may also be good enough, since the monolithic dome technology looks at 100 years or more together with heating and cooling costs 50% less than a conventional building of the same floor area, and that will amortize the cost sooner with the energy savings provided.

John Mitchell
Port Colborne

ourview

Helping out in the community

All kids are great kids. They just need a helping hand!

Julie Denschan, executive director of the Education Foundation of Niagara, a charity that serves the District School Board of Niagara, said those words at DeWitt Carter school last week.

Denschan was on hand with Theresa Storm and Brenda Jackson of Farm Credit Canada to hand the school part of a \$20,000 grant, shared with three other schools, to kick-start a snacking program.

Snack programs can cost between \$5,000 and \$10,000 a year and the Ministry of Education doesn't fund breakfast programs.

The programs help children at schools whose families are on social assistance or are working poor.

With jobs becoming scarcer in Niagara, more and more people are on social assistance or working poor and programs these are not only welcome, but becoming more needed.

Breakfast and snack programs are important, because having an empty stomach at school doesn't help in the learning process. The more that can be done to ensure children have something to eat before learning, the better chance we give them to do well.

And the help from Farm Credit Canada, the leading provider of financial services to farms and agriculture, is also very welcome.

Farm Credit Canada has a community investment program that doles out funds every year to help those in need.

While Farm Credit Canada helped out at local schools, Canadian Niagara Power gave back to the community with a Thanksgiving lunch last week.

Students and staff from the company were at the Port Reach Out Centre serving more than 50 clients a delicious meal that included salad, turkey, stuffing, potatoes and pie for dessert.

The meal was greatly appreciated by clients and Reach Out Centre manager Mary Anne Feagan, who said the centre can't cook large meals because it is limited to one stove.

It's the third year CNP has provided assistance to the Reach Out Centre. In 2008 it donated \$5,000 and last year purchased an energy-efficient dishwasher for the centre's kitchen.

Groups like Farm Credit Canada and Canadian Niagara Power are doing what they can to help out the community and both should be thanked for their efforts.

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■ **TIME OF YEAR:** Autumn brings a special magic all its own

The lure of fall colours



George Duma
BY GEORGE

This is arguably the most beautiful time of the year.

We here in the northern climates are so fortunate to have the four seasons. I simply can't imagine living in Florida or California year-round. Each of our seasons has a magic all its own.

Spring is a time of rebirth, when everything just seems to come to life again.

Summer, of course, is the time we soak up the sun and somehow appreciate it more than the folks who live down south — we know it's finite and will leave almost as quickly as it comes, so we seem to pay attention to it.

Winter brings a cold beauty with its blankets of snow and ice and Christmas. It does at times seem incredibly long by the time we hit late-January, early-February, but it's an amazing season nonetheless.

Autumn, however, is the

best. There is when the fence heat of summer subsides and the nights are cool, a little cooler, the air a bit more crisp and, finally, the leaves begin to turn their colours. It's spectacular.

There are few more gratifying drives along the peninsula than those taken at this time of the year. We are so blessed with the beauty we have throughout Niagara, the foliage we can take advantage of for fall drives.

Here in South Niagara, we certainly don't have to go far.

A drive west out of Port

brings folks to Lakeshore Rd.

West, past Oakridge, Walnut and Cedar, out towards Wainfleet.

This is by far one of the prettiest drives in the entire peninsula, especially if you take the time to drive down Morgan's Point Rd. to the conservation area at the end of the road on the west side.

It's worth parking the car and getting out for a walk, but remember to take the boardwalk that drapes the dunes and then back along the lakeshore itself. It doesn't take long and it's stunning anything, but especially so at this time of year.

When I said our golden retrievers, Bud, he and I spent a lot of time out at Morgan's Point.

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GEORGE DUMA InPort News Photo

The leaves at Morgan's Point were just beginning to turn colour last Saturday. Indeed, thanks to some of the high winds we've had in the last couple of weeks, many have already been knocked down. Still, the colours this weekend should be vibrant, not only there but also throughout Niagara.

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DUMA



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The colours in the forests of south Niagara, like those at Morgan's Point, this weekend should be vibrant.

The kind of place you savour

FROM PAGE A5

It's the kind of place you save.

Back in the car, it's worth continuing the journey west along Lakeshore Rd., out past Long Beach, past the windmills, and on into Dunnville. There are so many areas to park along the Grand River and enjoy yet another aspect of our beauty.

The other place Bud and I used to go regularly is St. John's Conservation Area, out past Fonthill.

At this time of year, the colours are bursting. The reds, yellows and oranges are almost overwhelming in their beauty.

There are numerous trails to hike, with names like the Tulip Tree Trail, Sassafras Trail, Horseshoe Trail, or the St. John's Ridge Trail. The trout pond, with its benches, is the perfect place to sit and soak it all in.

Mud Lake is yet another spot worth visiting. The

humidity of summer is long gone and the cool air and the vibrant colours put an entirely different spin on the beauty of our area, pretty much literally in our backyard, down Elm St.

Oh, there's another drive that is beautiful anytime of year, but especially now. Cross over the Clarence St. Bridge and turn right on to Lakeshore Rd., driving straight until you come to right curve in the road, by JTL on the left. Then, as Durham turns into Reuter Rd., slow down to a crawl and enjoy the splendid corridor draped by trees on both sides. It's magnificent.

Carry on when you get to the end and the road bends left. You'll now be on Lakeshore Rd. East and it meanders along for a couple of kilometres all the way to Lorraine Rd.

Turn right on Lorraine and it will take you past Whisky Run Golf Club and up to Killaly St. This time of year just lends

itself so well to going for long walks and hikes.

And I know I sound like a broken record at times, but we really are so fortunate to live where we do.

It's last Saturday and I just got back from Morgan's Point to take the photos to go with this column. As I came back, I took the opportunity to stop at Lakeshore Rd. and take a few photos of the lake in the magnificence of the scene, our shoreline leading up to Sugarloaf Hill, the stunning mini-mountains across the lake, and the sun gleaming down on all of it as it bounced off the water.

Magnificent.

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■ PORT COLBORNE OPERATIC SOCIETY

JOE CSEH
InPort News Photo

The Port Colborne Operatic Society's production of Irene is scheduled for February 2011 at the Lakeshore Catholic Auditorium. Supporting members of the cast include from left, Katelyn Landers, Emily Denney, Cecile Descours and Matt Dempsey.

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PORT CARES BARBECUE



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Port Cares held a fundraising barbecue with an Octoberfest theme Friday to raise money for its campaign to end poverty in Niagara. United Way volunteers from across Niagara visited the agency, including, from left, Port Cares campaign chair Bailey Clark, being served a hotdog by Port Cares volunteer co-ordinator Rachelle Anderson. Pictured in back are Carrie Bowman and Niagara Regional Police Const. Evan Lindsay, both from the St. Catharines United Way campaign, and regional campaign co-ordinator Susan Garbutt.

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GET CREATIVE

Learn how to use the colours of fall on canvas with the Port Colborne Art Club.

The club has been helping people to express themselves in artistic ways for more than 60 years, and it's looking to continue that trend, said club secretary Alice Harris. People do not have to be members to participate in upcoming classes. Oil classes with Raymond Martin will run Wednesdays from Oct. 6 to Nov. 17, open painting will run on Thursdays starting Oct. 7; a watercolour workshop with Judy Ziehm is on Thursday, Oct. 21, and a pottery class with Don Schooley will run Mondays from Oct. 25 to Nov. 29; a watercolour workshop with Lillian Asquith will run Tuesdays from Oct. 26 to Nov. 30; and an oil workshop with Mary Lampman

will take place Wednesday, Nov. 24. All classes take place at the Bethel Community Centre, 2703 Chippawa Rd. E., in Port Colborne. For more detail on the cost and times, or to register, contact June at 905-892-9227.

STUDY ON HEALTH

The Ontario Health Study will be the biggest community-based health study ever done in Canada.

It is a long-term study that will help to better understand prevention and treatment of diseases such as cancer, heart disease, asthma, and diabetes. Studies like the OHS have led to important discoveries in the past, said a release from Bridges Community Health Centre in Port Colborne.

Now you have a chance to make a difference for future

generations in Ontario. The study is open to all residents of Ontario who are at least 18 and researchers hope to follow participants in the study for at least 20 years. This will allow researchers to see how environment, lifestyle and genes affect the risk of common diseases.

For full details see [https://ontariohealthstudy.ca](http://ontariohealthstudy.ca).

RECIPE of the Week

October 15th to 28th

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- 1 Tbsp. oil
- 1/3 cup dried Pineapple Tibbits, cut up
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- Salt & Pepper to taste
- 2 Tbsp. bacon Bits.

REPORT RELEASED

A report detailing the history before 1914 of Nyon and the City of Port Colborne is now available online.

The report comes after Ward 2 Coun. Frank DiBartolomeo requested at the Sept. 13 council meeting that staff prepare a detailed public document outlining the history of the city's dealings with Nyon.

The 2,000-page report – available at www.portcolborne.ca – includes information from the time of initial contact and original agreements, to present-day standings.

Anyone preferring to have a DVD copy of the report can purchase one from city hall for \$10.

The report came before council for discussion at the

council meeting on Tuesday.

In a news release, DiBartolomeo said he felt it important to have the issue addressed before the upcoming municipal election.

"By releasing this document publicly, we hope to answer the numerous questions,

assumptions and speculations that are circulating around the community," he said.



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JOURNALIST: Stevie Cameron opens season

Canadian Author Series opens its 16th season

KRISTA ASHFORD
For InPort News

PORTE COLBORNE — Evil can sometimes hit very close to home.

Last week, the Canadian Author Series opened its 16th season at the Roselawn Theatre in Port Colborne. Kicking off the year was renowned Canadian author Stevie Cameron. Her book On the Farm documents her journey to understand the victims of serial killer Robert Pickton and their surviving families' quest for justice.

"I have never worked on anything in my life that means more to me than this story," an emotional Cameron said in front of a sold-out audience.

Cameron is best known for her political journalism and admits she was venturing into unknown territory when she agreed to cover the Pickton case.

"I had never covered a trial, the people I wrote about never went to trial," Cameron said with a smile.

"I wanted to tell the stories of each one of these women," she said.

She talked about her experiences in the Downtown East Side of Vancouver, the area where many of Pickton's victims were from. She admitted that although it was an interesting assignment, her understanding of the community has made the area feel like home. Cameron's passion

for investigative journalism brought her face to face with police officers, former mayors and families of the missing women.

"I became very fond of (the women), which you're not supposed to do as a journalist," said Cameron. "They called them 'girls'; they were our girls," she said, pausing momentarily to gain composure.

Pickton is suspected to have killed 49 women on and around his farm at Port Coquitlam, outside Vancouver. The authorities found the forensic evidence of 26 women, but he was convicted of six murders. Cameron focused on the fact that he was found guilty of second-degree murder and only for the murders of so few

"a tragedy."

One of the unfortunate women whose family will not see justice is Diane Rock. Her son's family was in attendance.

"We're so pleased with the way (Cameron) has told the story, she's told everyone who these women really are," said Lillian Beaudoin. Diane's daughter, Renée, was also there.

Beaudoin described her sister as someone who made herself "well known and well heard."

The Beaudoins are hoping to see some development in the ongoing struggle against the sex trade problem in the Downtown East Side and how the RCMP handle cases of this size in the future.

"I hope they learn from the mistakes they made," Beaudoin said. She thinks that police mentality is the root of the problem.

Women from the Downtown East Side who are forced into prostitution by their drug addictions need to change.

"(The girls) are afraid of them. Girls like my sister who wanted to talk to an officer, but felt like she couldn't," Beaudoin said.

The audience had many questions for Cameron after she finished her presentation. She answered them all and made it clear she felt

she was "privileged to be able to tell this story."

"The stories of how these women got into this situation are what I wanted to tell," said Cameron.

"None of these women wanted to be prostitutes — some of (them) ended up on the farm because they had nowhere else to go. We need to start taking care of these women and their addictions — that's where the focus needs to be."

On the Farm is available in Canada. Cameron also wrote a companion piece called



KRISTA ASHFORD InPort News photo
Denise Beaudoin, Lillian Beaudoin, author Stevie Cameron and Rene Beaudoin are shown at the Roselawn Theatre in Port Colborne during the Canadian Author Series which began its 16th annual season on Sept. 30.

The Pickton File, which is available in stores and on her website, steviecameron.com.

The Canadian Author Series continues Oct. 28 with English author Kate Pullinger and The Mistress of Nothing. On Nov. 25, Port Colborne will welcome Canada's former first lady Margaret Trudeau. Trudeau will be presenting her book On Balance, which details her battle with mental illness.

For more information on the series and the upcoming fall season visit www.willmthomas.ca.

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The Request for Proposal setting out the instructions to interested parties will be on our website (<http://www.wainfleet.ca>) and available for downloading or at the Municipal Office front desk during the regular business hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

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ALONG THE LAKESHORE

SATURDAY, OCT. 16

Port Colborne/Wainfleet Family Fun Event. From 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Come Up Fun With Alphabet Soups! Fun for families with children 8 years old and younger. A free event at the Centre for Community Living, 100 McRae Avenue, Port Colborne. Featuring children's entertainer Dan the Music Man.

TUESDAY, OCT. 19

Knitting Classes at the Wainfleet Township Public Library from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Beginners can learn how to knit or experienced knitters can learn new skills. Rhoda Wills will be offering 10 lessons from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. starting Oct. 5. Cost is \$30. For adults and children ages 9 and up. Needles and yarn for beginners will be provided at the first lesson. Please call 905-899-2777 to pre-register by September 27.

Create with Kathleen at

the Wainfleet Township Public Library. Adult art classes with Kathleen Thorsen of Stone House Art Gallery. Drop-in Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. Cost is \$10 per class. All materials supplied.

For more information, contact:

Kathleen at

905-

834-9784 or

kathleen.thorsen@rogers.com.

THURSDAY, OCT. 21

Port Colborne Hospital Auxiliary holding a harvest sale from 9 a.m. to noon in the main lobby of Port Colborne hospital. Bake sale, gently used clothing, \$2 surprise gift bags. Come and join us.

Port Colborne Horticultural Society will be meeting at 7:30 p.m. Houweling Greenhouses will speak on growing Niagara's perennials. To be held at Friends over 55 Seniors Centre, 554 Fielder Ave.

SATURDAY, OCT. 23

St. Joseph's Catholic

Women's League is holding their semi-annual rummage sale from 9 a.m. to noon at St. Joseph's Hall on the corner of Netherby and Sodom Rds. (Stevensville). Come and fill a green garbage bag for \$8 and you'll never know what you can find at our white elephant table.

Bowen Road Women's Institute Harvest Tea from noon to 2 p.m. (doors open at 11:30)

at People's Memorial United Church Ridgeway. Tickets are \$7 per person. Door prizes, crafts, bake table, silent auction and refreshments. Contact 905-894-1189 to reserve tickets if needed.

TUESDAY, OCT. 26

Knitting Classes at the Wainfleet Township Public Library from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Beginners can learn

how to knit or experienced knitters can learn new skills. Rhoda Wills will be offering 10 lessons (10 weeks) Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. starting Oct. 5. Cost is \$30. For adults and children ages 9 and up. Needles and yarn for beginners will be provided at the first lesson. Please call 905-899-1277 to pre-register by September 27.

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PORT COLBORNE

NOTICE THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT COLBORNE THE PROPOSED STOPPING UP AND CLOSING OF THE HUMBERSTONE CRESCENT ROAD ALLOWANCE

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 34(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O., c.25, as amended, that the Council of the City of Port Colborne proposes to pass a By-Law to Stop Up, and Close a municipal road allowance known as Humberstone Crescent.

Humberstone Crescent is located north of Stonebridge Drive in the Loyalist Industrial Park, on Part of Lots 29 and 30, Concession 3, former Township of Humberstone, now City of Port Colborne, Regional Municipality of Niagara and being Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 59R-14281.

A plan showing the lands affected, may be viewed in the Department of Planning & Development, 2nd Floor of City Hall, 66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne, Ontario. Questions regarding the proposed closure can be referred to Dan Aquilina, Director of Planning & Development at 905-835-2900, ext. 203, or by email to danaguilina@portcolborne.ca.

On Monday, November 8, 2010 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 66 Charlotte Street, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Port Colborne will hear in person or by counsel, solicitor or agent, or by written comment, any person who claims his/her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who applies to be heard.

Any person who wishes to provide written comment or be heard, should make application to: Ashley Grigg, City Clerk, 66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne, ON L3K 3C8 or at 905-835-2900, ext. 106, or by email to ashleygrigg@portcolborne.ca.

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ALONG THE LAKESHORE

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THURSDAY, OCT. 28

Preschool Story Time for Ages 2 – 5 at the Wainfleet Township Public Library. A six-week program of stories, songs and rhymes for children runs Thursdays from 10 to 10:45 a.m. No fee for the program but please call 905-899-1277 to pre-register your attendance. Each child must be accompanied by their parent/caregiver. This session's theme is Fall/Farm. The next session's theme is It's Getting Chilly so it's Library, ONGOING.

Ten Thousand Villages, 7 Clarence St. Port Colborne, is looking for volunteers for the Christmas season and beyond. We need friendly service staff to help make a difference volunteering in our store. 2 or 4 short 3.5 hr shifts a month are required, Monday and

Saturdays. Call Tracy or Jane 905-834-6292 or come in for further information.

Port Colborne Ontario Early Years Centre offers interactive play sessions, mornings: Monday to Friday from 9-12 and afternoons: Monday to Thursday from 1-3. These programs are for children under the age of six years and their parent or caregiver and are free of charge. Please visit the Ontario Early Years Centre, Port Colborne, 92 Charlton St., Port Colborne, L2B 2G2, 905-834-9071 ext. 238 or email oeyc-poc@portcolborne.ca for more information.

Computer workshops and one-on-one training are available at the Wainfleet Township Public Library, Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Please call the Library at 905-899-1277 to book an appointment.

PORT COLBORNE SENIORS CENTRE

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The Port Colborne Seniors Centre held its 50th anniversary recently with 81 people in attendance. The dinner for the evening was cooked and served by Port Colborne High School history club students.

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MISENER RD.: Deck made of fibreglass composite

New Misener Rd. bridge looks ahead

DAVE JOHNSON
InPort News Staff

WAINFELT — Misener Rd. bridge looks like many others in the township, but what lies beneath the asphalt is unique.

The bridge deck that residents will soon be driving over is made entirely of a fibreglass composite material, said the township's director of operations Greg Wuisman.

Wuisman was out at the bridge last week, watching, along with Guardian Bridge's Josh and Ben Dewar, as Van Jon Paving put a coat of asphalt on the new deck.

"Every two years, by law, an engineer evaluates all of our bridges to see what is in need of repair or replacement. This bridge, and the Bulring Rd. bridge, were most in need of replacement."

Misener Rd. bridge was built sometime in the 1940s and its concrete structure was crumbling.

Wuisman said three bids were received to replace Misener Rd., two of which were based on conventional techniques and the third, from Guardian Bridge, using the fibreglass composite. The township chose Guardian Bridge and its fibreglass composite technology, which was used to replace Bulring Rd. bridge earlier this year.

He said using a conventional concrete bridge deck would put a bridge out of commission for at least two months.

With the fibreglass composite, a bridge can be replaced in a matter of a couple of weeks. Misener Rd.



Van Jon Paving workers pave over the Misener Rd. bridge last week. The bridge deck was made by Guardian Bridge out of a fibreglass composite material which gives the deck a long life span.

bridge was taken out of service nearly two weeks ago.

After removing the beams and concrete abutments to hold the deck up though."

Wuisman said the new deck was put together, using fibreglass and wood, at Guardian Bridge's plant in Fergus, Ont., and brought to Welland by barge.

The old deck was taken out and the next day, after prep work on the structure, the new deck was dropped in place.

"This really cuts the down time of the bridge, a lot of farmers need this bridge," said Wuisman.

The cost of the bridge replacement is also lower. With funding from the federal government and community grants, Wuisman said the bridge cost the township \$180,000. The new bridge deck also weighs about 1/5 of what a conventional concrete deck would weigh and is about 10 per cent wider than the original deck.

He said the township first heard of Guardian Bridge during an Ontario Good Roads presentation.

"They've done a fair number of bridges up north," Josh Dewar, of Guardian Bridge, said the company

started building fibreglass composite bridge decks about eight years ago.

"They're very light, easy to span and are quick and easy to install. It takes about two-and-a-half weeks," he said.

In addition to Guardian Bridge, Ken's Excavating, Vic Powell Welding and Crane, and DSB Engineering and Coring, also worked on the bridge.

Wuisman said other bridges in Wainflet will need work within the next five years and the same technology could be used on those as well.

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CNP: Hydro employees serve supper



KAESHA FORAND Staff Photo

Port Cares Reach Out Centre volunteer Annette Zarb-Tedesco has plates of food filled by Canadian Niagara Power staff who prepared and served a Thanksgiving lunch for Reach Out Centre clients.

Thanksgiving feast for Port Cares clients

KAESHA FORAND
InPort News Staff

"Many clients won't get a Thanksgiving dinner."

It's the second year CNP has prepared a special Thanksgiving lunch for the Reach Out Centre.

In 2008 it donated \$5,000 and last year purchased an energy-efficient dishwasher for the centre's kitchen.

Kristine Carmichael of Canadian Niagara Power led one staff member to bring all the food, and others took time out of their day to serve the lunch restaurant-style for hungry patrons.

"It's very nice to be able to do something like this for the community," Carmichael said. "We think the Reach Out Centre is a fantastic organization."

CNP employees also brought goodie bags for clients and held a game of bingo before the meal.

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■ BIFFY: Port man's cartoon moving to new day in Tribune

Timeless cartoon

BERND FRANKE
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Barrel-bellied, bespectacled, daffy Darts are moving back in time.

However, their trip along the timeline will be a short one, measured in days, not decades.

BiFFY's Darts, a single-panel cartoon that takes readers back to the Welland hockey heyday of the mid-1960s, will continue to focus on the local sports scene in The Tribune sports pages for a fourth shinny season. After appearing in the Friday edition, the weekly feature will run Thursdays, usually on B2, the Scarborough page.

This is the only change to a panel that its creator, Port Colborne artist Rolf Burger, calls "timeless" in its presentation. He said the characters that populate gags surrounding the operation of a junior hockey never age, nor will any player

graduate to the professional or senior ranks.

In other words, the Welland Darts coached by the irascible Darts' dad — and his son, Darts, a hockey team frozen in time, scheduled to spend eternity forever playing out the 1965 season.

"I'm afraid Dabchuk will never go to play anything but junior hockey," Burger, 50, said with a grin as he referred to the butt of BiFFY's jokes and a player who was always counted on to spend some of the season in the coach's doghouse.

Burger, who began following hockey in the days when the NIIH only had six teams, opted to bring back the same cast of characters from the first two seasons and not augment them with newcomers. Back for another season — actually, the same

season — are Ma Rupp, the team owner, J.B., her son, Wally, the Darts' trainer; Blastov, a team bus driver with a questionable sense of direction; Dabchuk and, of course, BiFFY.

"I find this is just the right number to play the gags off of on a regular basis. Any more and you never really get a chance to know a character."

Though the panel is about hockey, whether the Darts hit pay dirt or not has not been the point. Burger can't say where the Darts are in the standings.

"How they play is really secondary. What's happening between management, the locker room and the bench is what the story is all about."

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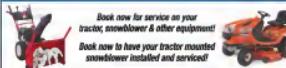
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■ ROBBERY: Police take no chances after bank robbed



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Students at Lakeshore Catholic High School in Port Colborne stand in front of the school after they were released following a lockdown on the afternoon of Oct. 7 prompted by a nearby bank robbery.

Schools locked down

JOHN VESSOYAN
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Niagara

Regional Police ordered four schools to go into lockdown mode after a bank robbery Oct. 7.
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LOCKDOWN

Police searching for suspect of Caisse Populaire robbery

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At about 2:15 p.m., a man entered the Caisse Populaire bank on Killaly St. E., carrying a gun, demanded a teller and demanded cash, then left the building with an undisclosed sum.

The NRP emergency task unit was called to the scene, quickly setting up a perimeter around the building, as

police were unsure whether the gunman was still inside the bank, said Acting Staff Sgt. Brian Smith.

People inside the building were asked to exit individually by the ETU once police made contact and ensured the gunman was gone.

The suspect, whose face was covered during the robbery, is described as a

white, 5-foot-8 to 5-foot-10 with a medium build. He was wearing a black hoodie, a winter-style waist-length red jacket and jeans.

The direction of his travel is not known, police said in a news release.

Immediately following the robbery, Lakeshore Catholic High School, St. Therese, Ecole St. Joseph and Dewitt Carter Public School went

under lockdown to keep students and parents from leaving the school to stay safe. The lockdown at Lakeshore lasted about 40 minutes, ending at about 3:25 p.m.

Niagara Catholic District School Board superintendent of education Lee Ann Grysz-Sells was also assisting Fazari with the lockdown.

and telling students and parents to come into the school to stay safe. The lockdown at Lakeshore lasted about 40 minutes, ending at about 3:25 p.m.

Niagara Catholic District School Board superintendent of education Lee Ann Grysz-Sells was also assisting Fazari with the lockdown.

"They're safe," Fazari said.

A high school football game between Lakeshore and the Denis Morris Redmen of St. Catharines was delayed because of the lockdown.

The Denis Morris players were dressed in their red football uniforms and sitting in the school's cafeteria during the temporary school closure.

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■ MAKING A DIFFERENCE: Humbled by award

Jack O'Neil gets his award – literally

ALLAN BENNER
inPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — For Jack O'Neil, the real award is knowing he's making a difference.

He's spent the past 14 years working tirelessly to help senior citizens as a volunteer in the Niagara Gatekeepers Program. But for the first time, O'Neil was humbled by the organization he has dedicated so much time to working with.

On Sept. 16, O'Neil was the first-ever recipient of the Niagara Gatekeepers Program's volunteer of the year award.

He described that honour as a "fantastic" experience, but

the accolades didn't stop there.

The new award was also named after him. It's called the Jack O'Neil Niagara Gatekeepers Volunteer of the Year Award.

Program co-ordinator Jenny Shickluna said selecting O'Neil for the award was an easy choice.

Although the program has many dedicated volunteers, she said O'Neil has been there since Day 1 and has remained an active part of the organization ever since.

His efforts to promote the Gatekeeper Program have spread beyond the borders of Niagara, to help establish similar initiatives in other parts of the country,

Shickluna said.

O'Neil said he's "very humbled" by the award. "I don't know if anything like this before in my life."

He said there "are so many volunteers out there" that any also deserving of awards for the work that they do.

It's not the first time O'Neil's work has been recognized. He was the recipient of the first ever T. Ross Adams Award presented by Niagara Region in 2003.

But O'Neil said this award means even more to him than that one did. Although the T. Ross Adams award is very prestigious, this award means more to him because of the people that gave it to him.

"To me this is much, much bigger," he said.



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Jack O'Neil received the first ever Jack O'Neil Gatekeepers Niagara Volunteer of the Year Award that was presented to him by program co-ordinator Jenny Shickluna. He called receiving the award an unexpected honour.

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■ **AUTHOR:** Brian Emburgh pens another book

Port author likens his books to 'comics without pictures'

MARYANNE FIRTH
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — There's nothing Brian Emburgh enjoys more than putting a pencil to paper

— literally.

It may have taken seven years, but the Port Colborne author spent three handwriting and perfecting the close to 80,000 words found in his new

novel, *The Bouncer*.

While Emburgh admits he's "an odd and meticulous writer," he's quite proud of his final result that has now hit store shelves.

The novel is about a strip

club bouncer whose personality contradicts his occupation.

Emburgh describes lead character John Patrick Coyle as "an honest, loyal

and trustworthy man" who finds comfort after falling for a woman with less than squeaky clean past.

The Bouncer is a "fast-moving, enjoyable read"

that has a good plot line and won't leave readers crying at the end, he said with a laugh.

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■ AUTHOR

Writer will donate profits to charity

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Emburgh said he enjoys writing the types of books he'd like to sit down with, calling his works "comics without pictures."

His first novel, *Swan Song*, is set in Archibald comic, while *The Bouncer* is "more like Batman," he said lightheartedly.

Story lines for his books come naturally, with characters developing on their own as they plot unfolds, Emburgh said.

He does admit to taking some inspiration from real life, though his books often whisk him away to another reality.

"I can immerse myself in a completely different world," Emburgh said of writing.

"It's the one way I can be

somewhere else, anywhere, without ever taking a plane."

Emburgh said it's rewarding to see the fruits of his labour on book shelves, and to hear from people around the world who have enjoyed his book.

All profits made from *The Bouncer* will be donated to a local charity, he added.

"I'm a lucky person because I'm able to do what I want to do. I'm trying to pay it back a little."

The Bouncer is available online at several book retail outlets such as www.amazon.ca, and can be bought on Tour Colborne at 145 Alphabet Book Shop, 145 Main St. W., or Davies Stationary, 48 Clarence St. W.

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■ WATER ISSUE: Mayoral candidate lays out five points

Henderson releases action plan

InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET — With Lake Erie as her backdrop, Barb Henderson has laid out her accountable action plan for Wainfleet water last week.

Henderson, seeking her second term as township mayor, strongly believes voters have a right to know how their leaders are dealing with issues facing their community.

"Leadership requires having a plan, and as the old saying goes, 'Those who fail to plan, plan to fail,'" she said, standing in the rain on the beach at Reeb's Bay.

Henderson's husband Phillip had an umbrella over her head as several of her supporters listened to her announcement.

"Everyone knows Wainfleet is under a boil water advisory because of health and safety issues surrounding our lakeshore. I know all too well how divisive this issue has become for our community. But one

reality remains: the health and safety of our neighbours, our families and our children is at stake."

Henderson said the problem has been decades in the making, but nothing doing is no longer an option.

She said the serious nature of the problem can no longer be ignored.

"We must be committed to finding a practical solution that fits our community. For that reason, I have developed a 5-Point Action Plan to address this issue."

* Cost equals no decision.

* We need all the facts before we make a decision.

In 2007, council unanimously agreed to undertake additional studies to determine what a pipeline solution would look like and its cost. For that reason, I have been labelled pro-pipe when in fact, I am pro-solution. It can not stress enough that we have a problem that needs a solution."

* Find the right solution for benefiting taxpayers.

"What is generally not understood is that as a result of the boil water advisory potential options will be presented to Wainfleet for consideration. I remain committed to finding a practical, workable solution that balances the health risks in a financially responsible manner."

* Take Wainfleet's fight to the region, provinces and federal government to demand our fair share.

"Once our community has determined what solution will work for Wainfleet, I am committed to seeking financial assistance from the upper levels of government."

* Quarterly town hall meetings for residents to provide important input on the issue.

"I believe it is important to provide a forum for an exchange of ideas between council and residents. I initiated the Wainfleet update and e-update this term and it

is now time to build on their successes."

* Make reports concerning our water public and available to the public.

"To be open and transparent all reports must be available in an accessible format for all residents."

Henderson held up a small action plan brochure at the end of her speech and said she is dropping off a copy in the Wainfleet post office and dropping off 1,750 of them.

Every home in Wainfleet will receive one in their mailbox. The brochure provides for a postcard size portion to be mailed back with comments and tens of thousands of them can be mailed back to Henderson.

"Over the past four years, I have heard from residents from all over Wainfleet about how to best deal with the lakeshore water issue. I wish to thank those residents for their input and to deal and look forward to working with them as this process moves forward," she said.

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The automobile business has been through enormous changes in the last 2 years. Some 16 months ago two of the Big 3 car makers entered and emerged from Chapter 11 in the USA while the other managed everything it owned, all to stay competitive in a shrinking new world. The auto industry has had to learn to live with less profit and less margin share for various reasons ranging from the value of the yen to claims of certain vehicle having gas guzzles with minds of their own. To fit all of this an underperforming economy, tighter lending practices at the banks, fluctuating of prices, as well as a devolved US dollar and it all seemed to spell disaster for car dealers. Through all of that, one local car dealer never lost hope. "We kept our heads down, avoided spending on bad news in the press and concentrated to do what we do best; sell cars, fix cars and satisfy our customers", says Nick Sebastian, Dealer Principal of Rose City Chrysler. "We found a growth in market where many thought there was none."

So how is the 2011 model year shaping up? "Well, the future looks bright but the best news for us is that the future is today".

Sebastian continues. "The Chrysler organization has come back leaner and meaner after upwards of 3000 Canadian, American and International Dealers attended Chrysler's first New Dealer Convocation in 2009 in Las Vegas. They were all here for one reason, that is to learn. We have a new pipeline, and to meet, for the very first time, with new leaders Sergio Marchionne, Chief Executive Officer, Chrysler Group LLC. I saw and heard a few weeks ago in Orlando absolutely blow me away ... and our customers will be blown away too!"

In the address to the group on September 14th, 2010 Marchionne said, "We have been patiently waiting for this day for 16 months. Stodden all-new or substantially refurbished vehicles, 75 percent of our dealerships are now open and we are looking forward to a glorious recent past to an exciting future. All accomplished in a mere 16 months. All designed to carry us from the past, all built with the same mythical attention to quality that is embedded in every new Jeep Grand Cherokee. Flawless, relevant and timely."

"We saw them all" says Sebastian. "From the all-new Chrysler

300, Dodge Charger, Dodge Challenger SRT8 / 392, Hemi, Dodge Durango, Jeep Grand Cherokee, Chrysler 200 Sedan and 200 Convertible, all the way down to the exciting new Fiat 500. We saw the all-new Dodge for the Grand Caravan, Town & Country, Cirrus, Avenger, Caliber, Journey, Minivan, Ram 1500, Ram Heavy Duty. An incredible line up with new fuel efficient models, new dashboards, new body panels and new styling cues. As well, most of our vehicles sporting new engines, new transmissions and restored suspensions and every one with an undeniably attractive quality, every one with a new sense of detail and taste. Best of all these vehicles aren't 'something' in the future, they are all hitting the road or in the next 3 to 4 months!"

Sebastian continues, "I am a graduate of Oxford University, a student from his days in law school here in Canada. He spoke of how a visiting professor from Oxford University defined a contract as 'an exchange of a promise for a promise'. The new CEO then made a verbal contract with each dealer in the convention hall. Marchionne said - 'And so here is my proposal.'

The Leadership Team and I promise to deliver all the products we have shown today and to execute the development plans highlighted just before me, at competitive quality levels and with adequate margins and support. In return for your commitment to invest in our products and to grow with us, we will, by our dealer standards, to invest in our brands and to adopt commercial practices that treat our products and our customers with the dignity they deserve. An exchange of a promise for a promise."

"I really got a call" recalls Sebastian, "the man can speak! He is an extremely dynamic character. I truly believe he will lead us to some very big, very exciting times going forward, but we have to do our part as well." Sebastian and his team at Rose City Chrysler are excited about the future and the new products offered by the Chrysler CEO: "We will live up to our kind of the bypass and in the Welland area, Rose City Chrysler will champion the new products Chrysler is producing. After all, in the end everyone wins - Chrysler, all of us at the dealership and most importantly our customers."

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